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BOARD OF VILLAGE TRUSTEES.

TO THE VILLAGE OF RUTLAND:—

The Board of Trustees whose term of services commenced in April 1873, was organized by the election of Albert H. Tuttle as President and John M. Otis as Clerk. And in accordance with the vote of the Village in annual meeting, that no trustee should hold the office of Street Commissioner, Isaac Gibson was elected to that office.

Your Trustees have endeavored to keep the expenses for the past year within the amount realized from taxes and other sources, and find upon a settlement that they can not draw the orders amounting to \$750 which are due the Fire Department and which it has been customary to give them at the last meeting of the Board of Trustees in April without exceeding the appropriations and have decided not to draw the orders leaving it for the citizens to vote them at the annual meeting. The amount realized from the tax voted to defray the current expenses and received from other sources amounts to \$3,147.12 the amount expended for the current expenses amounts to \$2,527.92 leaving a balance of \$619.20, which leaves a deficit of \$130.80 of being enough to pay the amount due the Fire Department, there are no other outstanding bills for the current expenses of the past year that your trustees are aware of except for the current expenses of the present month.

1/2 c
 15 + 35
 50 per cent
 Del. 1/2 c.

There has been expended upon the Highways of the village the past year \$4,228.08 which is \$310 less than the amount realized from the Highway tax.

Your Trustees feel it to be their duty to recommend that the Trustees for the coming year be instructed to cover the drain from Main Street to a point a little below the store of W. H. B. Owen on Center Street, it being a confirmed nuisance and one that every citizen of the village is interested in by reason of its close proximity to the Academy and thereby endangering the life and health of every scholar attending there by reason of the poisonous effluvia which arises from said drain during the warm season.

We also desire to call your attention to the sewer on the west side of Merchants Row from Ripley's block to West Street, and the sewer near the Railroad track at Chair Factory, which no citizen after investigation can deny but what it is a nuisance that should be abated.

At a special meeting of the village, held June 21st, the Trustees were instructed to issue Notes of the Village for a sum sufficient to provide for the Water Bonds then coming due. Your Trustees executed Notes to the amount of \$14,000 and upon offering the same for disposal their legality was questioned.

Mr. Edwin Edgerton was therefore requested to give his written opinion on the same which he did holding that the village could not legally issue the same without the Trustees being personally responsible, it was then decided not to issue them and they were thereafter destroyed in the presence of the full Board of Trustees and the Treasurer of the village.

The following is a summary of the expenses of the village during the year :

Orders drawn for old bills outstanding,.....	\$967 71
“ “ “ Highway acc't.,.....	4,228 08
“ “ “ Current expenses,.....	2,527 92
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	7,723 71
Treasurer has paid interest on orders,.....	667 81
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	8,391 52
Amount realized from taxes and other sources,....	16,522 37

Receipts over expenses for the year,-----	8,130 85
Orders outstanding at last report,-----	20,080 43

Amount of orders outstanding at present time.---\$11,949 58

We estimate the expenses for the coming year, as follows :

Fire Department,-----	\$2,500 00
Gas for lighting village,-----	1,000 00
Night watch and lamplighter,-----	900 00
Current expenses,-----	600 00
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	5,000 00

Which would require a tax of bout 25 cents on the dollar.

The Trustees have settled with Geo. Willis, collector, who has paid over the entire amount of taxes for the past year to the treasurer.

We would refer to the reports of the Treasurer, Auditor, Chief Engineer and Water Commissioner annexed.

SAM'L. TERRILL,	} Trustees.
JOHN M. OTIS,	
ALBERT H. TUTTLE,	
N. F. PAGE,	
J. W. CRAMTON,	
JAS. C. DUNN,	
JAS. LEVINS.	

Rutland, Vt., April, 1872.

ORDERS DRAWN BY THE VILLAGE TRUSTEES,

For the Year ending April, 1874.

Orders drawn on 50c. tax for payment of old bills.

Pat Fagan, injury by vote of village.....	\$40 00
L. G. Kingsley, shovels, rake, glass, ward ballot boxes and ward maps.....	20 75
Ripley Son, sewer pipe delivered 1872.....	369 26
Vt. Mutual Ins. Co., assessment 1872.....	11 73
E. C. Lewis, glass and alcohol, St. lamps to Apr. '73.	48 52
L. G. Kingsley, hooks, rope, knobs and screws, 1872.	11 01
Hook & Ladder Co., rent refunded by vote of village.	200 00
F. A. Fisher, preparing ward maps.....	4 00
Tuttle & Co., printing trustees reports.....	55 00
“ tax book, auction bills, inkstand, bill files and mounting maps.....	9 30
O. L. Robbins, making check list.....	16 00
T. F. Lynch, abatement taxes lists, 1869 and 1870...	7 50
T. C. Robbins, care of town clock to April 1st, 1873..	12 50
J. Haley, abatement taxes list 1872.....	1 50
M. & H. O. Edson, lumber.....	19 04
W. P. Merriam, abatement taxes list, 1872.....	2 00
Town of Rutland, 9 bbls. hair and half lightning rod Village Hall.....	139 60
	<hr/> \$967 71

HIGHWAY BILLS.

E. Pierpoint, bill of labor April, 1873.....	\$150 00
A. Sanderson, allowance on sidewalk, 1872.....	21 88
Landon & Huntoon, cement del'd April 1873.....	5 50
M. Qniu, allowance on sidewalk.....	10 50
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ISAAC GIBSON, STREET COMMISSIONER.

WORK IN MAY, 1873.

Isaac Gibson, 17½ days labor at \$3.50.....	\$61 25
John Lambert, 17 " \$2.00.....	34 00
W. Lincoln, 17 " \$1.75... ..	29 75
J. McDonald, 6½ " "	11 38
D. Doherty, 16½ " "	23 87
J. Kennedy, 2 " "	3 50
M. Fagan, 5 " "	3 75
J. Cummings, 3 " \$2.00.....	3 00
I. Gibson, Jr., and team, 16¾ days labor at \$4.50. .	75 37
E. Reed " ¼ " "	1 12
H. L. Briggs, " 3½ " "	15 75
John Pike, " 12 " "	54 00
J. W. Cramton, horse and cart, 2½ days at \$2.00....	5 00
Geo. Richardson and team, 10 " \$4.60....	45 00
P. Stebbins, " 6 " "	27 00
C. F. Richardson " 2 " " ...	9 00
W. Bateman, " 4 " "	18 00
R. M. Spaulding, " 3 " "	13 50
Paid D. M. White & Co., bill of plank.....	9 60
" Landon & Huntoon bill cement and shovels....	5 55
" J. L. Eddy, bill lumber.....	12 87
" Mansfield & Stimson bill sewer grates.....	7 50
" L. G. Kingsley, bill nails and shovels.....	8 47
" Ripley Sons, bill sewer pipe	63 13
" M. & H. O. Edson, bill lumber.....	9 58
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	\$553 94

WORK IN JUNE, 1873.

H. L. Briggs and team, 19½ days labor at \$4.50... ..	\$87 75
Geo Richardson " 16½ " "	74 25
John Pike " 18¾ " "	34 37
I. Gibson, Jr., " 16¾ " "	75 37
P. Stebbins " 8½ " "	38 25
W. Bateman " 8¾ " "	39 37
R. M. Spaulding " 15½ " "	69 75

G. Cheney	"	10 $\frac{1}{2}$	"	"	...	\$47 25
Dan Doherty,	11 $\frac{1}{2}$	days labor at	\$1.75.....			20 12
P. Fagan,	20 $\frac{1}{4}$	"	"			35 44
Isaac Gibson	21	"	\$3.50.....			73 50
J. Cummings,	9	"	\$2.00.....			18 00
W. Lincoln,	17 $\frac{1}{4}$	"	\$1.75.....			30 19
T. Tonhey,	9	"	"			15 75
J. Lambert,	18	"	\$2.00			36 00
J. Hogan,	$\frac{1}{2}$	"	"			1 00
Paid Ripley Sons, bill drain pipe.						5 00
" Smith for 1 length pipe.....						1 25
" H. L. Briggs for stone.....						17 25
" H. Ex. R. R. for 12 loads cinders.....						3 00
" S. Terrill for repairs on tools.....						2 60
" L. G. Kingsley for nails.....						2 13
" Landon & Huntoon for cement and shovel.....						4 00
" D. M. White & Co. for lumber.....						26 27
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						\$807 86

WORK IN JULY, 1873.

Isaac Gibson, Jr. and team,	23 $\frac{1}{4}$	days labor at	\$4.50..	\$104 62
J. Pike,	22 $\frac{3}{4}$	"	"	102 37
R. M. Spanlding	21 $\frac{1}{2}$	"	"	96 75
H. L. Briggs,	10 $\frac{3}{4}$	"	"	48 37
P. Stebbins,	18 $\frac{3}{4}$	"	"	84 37
W. Bateman,	8 $\frac{1}{4}$	"	"	37 12
Isaac Gibson,	24 $\frac{1}{2}$	"	\$3.50.	85 75
R. N. Phillips,	1	"	\$3.00.	3 00
P. Fagan,	4 $\frac{1}{2}$	"	\$1.75.	7 87
James Kennedy,	12 $\frac{1}{4}$	"	"	21 44
J. Hogan,	2 $\frac{3}{4}$	"	"	4 82
P. Reardon,	12 $\frac{1}{2}$	"	"	21 87
J. Elky,	1	"	"	1 75
P. Lynch,	9	"	"	15 75
J. Lambert,	18	"	\$2.00.	36 00
M. Garity,	19 $\frac{1}{2}$	"	\$1.75.	34 12
M. Bowlan,	14 $\frac{1}{2}$	"	"	25 37

J. Kelley, 14½ days labor at \$1.75.....	\$25 37
T. O'Harren, 14½ days "	25 37
J. Welch, 16 " \$2.00	32 00
P. Goughan, 13 " \$1.75	22 75
M. Waters, ½ " "	87
J. Clark, 2 " "	3 50
Mansfield & Stimson, for 6 sewer grates.....	12 50
Landon & Huntoon for cement....	8 25
J. McIntyre for brick.....	6 65
Clement & Son for stone.....	13 21
L. G. Kingsley for nails, pick handles and keys... ..	4 40
Ripley Sons for drain pipe.....	19 53
B. N. Lampman for cinders	2 00
S. Terrill for repairing tools..	14 53
E. Bowman for cutting stone.....	6 00
H. Ex. R. R. for 20 loads cinders.....	5 00
M. & H. O. Edson for lumber.....	7 25
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	\$930 52

WORK IN AUGUST, 1873.

S. Parker and team, 8¼ days labor at \$4.50.....	\$37 12
I. Gibson Jr., " 23¼ " "	104 62
J. Pike, " 22¾ " "	102 37
R. M. Spaulding " 14½ " "	65 25
J. Clark, 17 " \$1.75.....	29 75
Isaac Gibson, 23 " \$3.50.....	80 50
J. Welch, 4½ " \$2.00.....	9 00
P. Reardon, 12¾ " \$1.75.....	22 32
M. Garity, 8½ " "	14 87
T. O'Harren, 5½ " "	9 62
P. Goughan, 2½ " "	4 37
P. Fagan, 24 " "	12 00
W. Hobbs, 9¼ " \$3.00.....	27 75
" for digging ditch by job.....	10 00
Goldthwait 3 days labor at \$3.00.....	9 00
" 3 " \$1.75.....	5 25
T. O'Brien, 14¾ days "	25 82
T. Welch, 1 " "	1 75

J. Lambert.	8 days labor at \$2.00	16 00
T. Touhey.	1 " \$1.75	1 75
Mike,	1 " "	1 75
Ripley Sons for drain pipe..		27 53
Allowance on 33 rods 12½ feet sidewalk on West St..		118 15
Columbian Marble Co. for stone.....		3 00
Landon & Huntoon for cement and plow point.....		6 20
L. G. Kingsley for nails and 1 shovel.....		3 51
Mansfield & Stimson for 5 sewer grates.....		18 75
Trucking.....		1 50
H. W. Nye moving West St. walk per order Trustees.		90 99
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WORK IN SEPTEMBER, 1873.

I. Gibson Jr. and team	17 days labor at \$4.50	\$76 50
J. Pike,	" 13 " "	58 50
R. M. Spaulding	" 3 " "	13 50
Isaac Gibson.	12 " \$3.50	42 00
J. Lambert,	10 " \$2.00	20 00
T. O'Brien	6 " \$1.75	10 50
P. Fagan,	12½ " "	21 87
J. Clark,	8 " "	14 00
J. Plumley,	8 " \$2.00	16 00
H. L. Briggs for stone.....		8 00
S. Terrill for repairing tools.....		7 29
M. & H. O. Edson for lumber.....		18 97
1 lock for gravel pit.....		1 50
		<hr/> \$308 63

WORK IN OCTOBER, 1873.

I. Gibson, Jr., and team,	20 days labor at \$4.50	\$90 00
J. Pike,	" 17 " "	76 50
Isaac Gibson,	20 " \$3.50	70 00
John Plumley,	6 " \$2.00	12 00
J. Lambert,	13¾ " "	27 50
P. Fagan,	14 " \$1.75	24 50
Bowman, cutting hole for grate.....		1 00
McManus, 99 loads dirt.....		9 90

Ripley Sons, 4 loads stone.....	3 00
Clement & Son 4 loads stone.....	3 25
Landon & Huntoon cement ..	3 75
S. Terrill for repairing tools.....	1 00
O. L. Robbins for 32 loads gravel....	5 33
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	\$327 73

WORK IN NOVEMBER, 1873.

Isaac Gibson, 2 $\frac{3}{4}$ days labor at \$3.50.....	\$9 62
John Lambert, 1 " " " 2.00.....	2 00
John Plumley, 2 $\frac{3}{4}$ " " " ".....	5 50
I. Gibson, Jr., and team, 6 $\frac{3}{4}$ days at \$4.50.....	30 37
Freight on 2 Cars, stone.....	10 60
L. Valiquette, digging stump on Pine street, 1871,....	3 00
— Crowley, repairing sewer,.....	3 00
— Tower, trimming and laying stone,.....	3 00
H. L. Briggs, for grading side-walk,.....	7 00
Jas. Brown, for surveying,.....	7 50
Clement & Son, for marble delivered 1872,.....	8 75
Discount on order received June 4th,.....	7 44
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	\$97 78

WORK IN DECEMBER, 1873.

Isaac Gibson, Jr., and team, 7 days labor at \$4.50....	\$31 50
Isaac Gibson, 1 day's labor at \$3.50.....	3 50
John Plumley, $\frac{1}{2}$ day's labor,.....	1 00
J. Burget, $\frac{1}{2}$ day's labor.....	75
Landon & Huntoon, cement,.....	2 75
Clearing gutters and sewers,.....	6 75
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	\$46 25

WORK IN JANUARY, 1874.

I. Gibson, Jr., and team, $\frac{1}{2}$ day's labor at \$4.50.....	\$2 25
I. Gibson, 1 day's labor,.....	3 50
Ripley Sons. for stone in October and November,.....	12 00
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	\$17 75

WORK IN MARCH, 1874.

E. Eaton and team, $\frac{1}{2}$ day's labor at \$4.50.....	\$2 25
I. Gibson, Jr., and team, 1 day.....	4 50
I. Gibson, 1 day.....	3 50
Tim Smith, digging stump,.....	2 00
Tormensin, labor,.....	2 00
J. Guindon, to sharpen pick,.....	1 00
John Lambert and colored man, labor on side-walk....	2 50
John Lambert, 1 day's labor,	1 50
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	\$19 25

SUMMARY OF HIGHWAY EXPENDITURES CLASSIFIED BY STREETS FOR
THE YEAR ENDING APRIL, 1874.

- Merchants' Row,	\$380 18	- Turnpike street,	\$91 63
- Spring street,	119 13	- School "	51 37
- West "	489 84	- Wales "	11 25
- Grove "	40 62	- Pine "	118 55
- Center "	218 54	- Evelyn "	66 26
- Prospect "	118 12	- Freight "	9 63
- Green "	72 68	- Forest "	113 50
- Washington & exten-		- Franklin "	122 41
sion	307 56	- Nickwackett	188 00
- Elm "	114 19	- Summer "	212 86
- Terrill "	80 86	- Furnace "	2 25
- Main "	139 73	- Granger "	5 12
- Cottage "	4 50	- Court "	12 62
- William "	212 24	- Grant Avenue.	21 57
- Church "	28 00	- Lincoln "	11 50
- Meadow "	16 25	Bills for tools and ma-	
- Chestnut Avenue	3 50	terials,	118 41
- Strongs "	547 83	Old bills paid.	177 38
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			\$4,228 08

MISCELLANEOUS BILLS.

Gas bills from April 1st 1873, to April 1st 1874, 39	
Village Posts.....	\$912 65
A. H. Williams, for service as night watch and lamp lighter from April 1st 1873 to October 14, 1873	327 50
G. W. Crawford, for service as night watch and lamp lighter from Oct. 14, 1873, to April 1st, 1874...	420 00
Gas bills for Village Hall and Engine Rooms.....	36 45
E. Pierpoint, bill of labor on sewers April 1873....	151 38
H. R. Dyer, 1 pr. gas piers.....	1 50
C. H. Forbes, making tax book.....	21 50
Vt. Mutual Insurance Co., for cash payment on new policy.....	8 66
A. H. Tuttle, advertising.....	24 00
Vt. Mutual Insurance Co., assessment 1873.....	7 80
Tuttle & Co., printing bonds.....	18 00
Geo. Ratledge, painting signs on Village Hall.....	30 00
S. G. Staley & Co., repairing street lamps, clearing reservoirs, pipe and labor.....	9 97
Dunn & Cramton, repairing street lamps and tin box to G. R. Bottum.....	7 15
T. C. Robbins, care of Town Clock to April 1, 1874,	50 00
Globe Paper Co., advertising.....	12 95
S. G. Staley & Co., repairing valve, clearing reser- voir, waste pipe, lantern globes and gas burners,	19 20
J. W. Cramton, livery.....	5 50
“ rent of village pound to April 1, 1874,	25 00
T. Dolan, abatement of taxes.....	2 21
E. C. Lewis, glass and alcohol, street lamps to April 1st, 1874.....	26 96
J. M. Otis, for service as clerk of Trustees.....	75 00
W. C. Landon, Treasurer.....	100 00
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	\$2,293 38

FIRE DEPARTMENT EXPENSES.

H. R. Dyer, valve for steamer.....	\$2 75
A. A. Orcutt, painting Washington No. 2.....	40 00

Geo. Ratledge, lettering and ornamenting do.....	35 00
R. Candlish, watching fires.....	12 00
L. G. Kingsley, bill for axes at Central House fire...	4 50
C. L. Long, repairs Nickwackett No. 1.....	9 00
Wilkins & Hill, watching fires.....	6 00
W. C. Landon, 10 hose coats, steamer.....	75 00
Staley & Co., stove pipe and labor, Nickwackett No.1	5 71
S. Terrill, repairs hose cart.....	7 50
People's Gas Light Co., coal, steamer.....	9 67
I. Gibson, bill, grading front Nickwackett No. 1.....	21 75
Landon & Huntoon, wrench, gaskets, lanterns and glass.....	5 66

\$234 54

AUDITOR'S REPORT.

To the Trustees of Rutland Village:—

Having examined the accounts, for the current year, of the Treasurer and Water Commissioners, I find the several accounts sustained by proper vouchers, and submit the following statement of accounts.

ABSTRACT OF TREASURER'S ACCOUNT.

1873.	RECEIPTS.	
April, By Water Commissioners to pay coupons, .		\$300 00
Geo. Willis, account taxes,-----		16,038 37
E. Pierpoint, Licences,-----		15 00
J. C. Dunn, for grass sold,-----		18 00
Peoples Gas Light Co., office rent,---		75 00
J. W. Cramton, Licences,-----,-----		372 00
J. W. Cramton, rent Village Hall,-----		4 00
		\$16,822 37

1873.	DISBURSEMENTS.	
April, To Balance due Treasurer on general account.		\$68 74
Orders drawn by Trustees,-----		14,630 71
Interest paid on Trustees orders,-----		667 81
Coupons on water bonds,-----		270 00
Balance in Treasurers' hands,-----		1,185 11
		\$16,822 11

ABSTRACT OF WATER COMMISSIONERS' ACCOUNT.

For the year ending April 20, 1874.

1873.	RECEIPTS.	
April, By use water for the current year,-----		\$6,813 84
1873.	DISBURSEMENTS.	
April, To sundry bills as per report of Commissioners, \$6,470 28		
Balance in Commissioner's hands,-----		343 56
		\$6,813 84

The Treasurer charges the Collector with tax bills as follows :

Village 50 per cent. tax list 1873,.....	\$9,358 00
Village 15 per cent. tax list 1873,.....	2,807 35
Highway tax list 1873,.....	4,840 70
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	\$17,006 05

And credits the Collector.

For cash and orders paid into the Treasury,.....	\$16,038 47
Abatements on Village and Highway Taxes,--	471 56
Collecting fees 3 per cent.	496 92
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	17,006 05

Orders have been drawn for the current years on the Treasurer to the amount of,.....	\$7,723 71
Paid interest on orders,---	667 81
Debt of the village for orders unpaid last year,---	20,080 43
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	\$28,471 95

Your Treasurer has received from taxes and other sources and paid,.....	\$16,522 37
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Debt of the village for orders unpaid,.....	\$11,949 58
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To which must be added such sums as are estimated necessary for the expences of the current year.

FUNDED WATER LIABILITIES OF THE VILLAGE.

Reservoir leased, due 1873,.....	\$5,000 00
“ “ 1875,.....	5,000 00
“ “ 1877,.....	5,000 00
“ “ 1880,.....	5,000 00
“ “ 1885,.....	5,000 00

This debt was incurred in furnishing water for the village. The interest on these which became due in 1872 was paid in part (\$1,020 00) by your Treasurer, since which time nothing has been paid.

It becomes necessary for the village to make some provision for the payment of the \$5,000 00 of these bonds which became due in 1873, and also for the accrued interest up to the present year.

HARVEY KINGSLEY.

Auditor.

Rutland, April 22d, 1874.

REPORT OF WATER COMMISSIONERS.

April 1st, 1874.

Received for water the past year.	\$6813 84
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DR. TO PAID OUT.

To balance due James Barrett ..	\$211 32	
Paid for 13 bonds..	1376 13	
“ Savings Bank.....	3093 40	
“ Landon for coupons.....	300 00	
“ On water notes.....	215 01	
“ Permanent fixtures on main branch.	650 00	
“ Ordinary repairs and fixtures during the year.....	624 37	6470 28
In Commissioner's hand.....		\$343 56

Debts that we now owe.

Due Savings Bank, July 1st, 1874.....	\$4344 00	
'49 bonds due July 1st, 1877.....	4900 00	
Due individuals to be paid in water as to vote of the village Sept. 20, 1858, on the records of the village, page 87.....	696 70	
Coupons due July 1st, 1874.....	294 00	10734 70
There is due in uncollected places from \$300 to \$400.		

The aqueduct, as far as I can discover is in a good condition ; but our supply of water is falling off from year to year in consequence of the land being cleared at the head of the main stream, and soon we shall find ourselves short of water unless something is done and in a dry time, now we have to use a good deal of care in the use of the water to keep a supply.

All of which is respectfully submitted,

JAMES BARRETT,
For Water Commissioners,

ENGINEER'S REPORT.

To the Trustees and Voters of the Village of Rutland :

The undersigned, Chief Engineer of the Fire Department of the Village of Rutland, agreeably to the provisions of Section 4 of "An ordinance establishing a Fire Department," herewith submits his annual report of the property belonging to the Department, the condition thereof, the losses by fire, and cause thereof, and insurance thereon, "so far as they may be ascertained," etc., as required by said ordinance.

FIRES.

During the past year the Department has been called to, and rendered service at fires, as follows :

1873. *May 18.*—Old Village Hall. Balance destroyed. Cause of fire unknown.

May 20.—Blacksmiths and wheelwright shop belonging to Joseph Gibson, Main street. \$1050 insurance on building, tools and stock. Supposed incendiary fire.

May 27.—C. W. Nichols' building, Center street, damage to building slight ; occupied by P. S. Ryan & Son ; fire caught in workshop ; insured ; accidental fire.

December 30.—Stores corner of West and Grove streets, owned by Sadler, Thrall & Cramton ; buildings entirely consumed ; insured ; cause of fire accidental ; occupied by J. McLaughlin, grocer ; insured on stock \$2000 ; loss \$1100 ; and J. W. Stearns, furniture ; loss on stock, light ; insured ; John Cunningham, household goods ; insured \$400 ; total loss ; B. W. Marshall, store, Grove street ; loss on building over insurance, \$1500 ; loss on stock over insurance, \$300 ; John B. Ballance, household goods, over Marshall's store ; insured \$400.

1874. *February 4.*—Francis & Mallon's store, Center street ; damage to store light ; occupied by Peck & Benjamin, clothing ; insured \$7,000 ; loss \$2,700 ; cause of fire unknown.

February 17.—Dry house and engine room of Rutland Manufacturing Co, West street; loss, \$2,100; insured \$1,350; accidental fire.

April 17.—S. G. Staley's building, Center street; loss on building, \$600; insured; occupied by F. M. Smith, tailors shop, G. Valiquette, shoe shop, S. D. Jenness, as plumber shop, and Mrs. Filmore; all insured; cause of fire, supposed incendiary.

Your apparatus for putting out fires consists of two hand engines, with hose carts, one second-class steam fire engine, with hose carriage, one hook and ladder truck, with hooks, ladders, etc., necessary for the efficient work of the company, all of which are in good order, except ladder truck. All of the companies are well manned, and commanded by officers of well known ability in managing their apparatus at fires. You have 2000 feet of good hose, and about 500 feet that can be used to some extent on hand engines.

I would recommend the purchase of 1000 feet new hose. I have recommended for the last three years a better supply of water in some parts of the village, but so far it has done no good.

I desire to express my thanks to the Fire Department for the prompt manner in which they have responded to every alarm; and I take pleasure in complimenting the members of the Department for their good order, and for the prompt manner in which they have obeyed the orders of the Engineers.

WALTER C. LANDON.

Chief Engineer.

Rutland, April 23d, 1874.